



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Lamphere et al. Att'y Docket: 1611/122
Serial No: 09/733,624 Art Unit: 1723
Date Filed December 8, 2000 Examiner: Sorkin, D.
Invention: SHAPED DIAPHRAGM FOR A Date: January 22, 2003
CENTRIFUGE SYSTEM ROTOR

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action of October 23, 2003 in the above-identified patent application, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the patent application pursuant to the following amendments and discussion.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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Practitioner's Docket No. 1611/122

PATENT

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Re application of: David G. Lamphere, Thomas D. Headley

Application No.: 09/733,624

Group No.: 1723

Filed: 12/08/2000

Examiner: Sorkin, D.

For: Shaped Diaphragm for a Centrifuge System Rotor

**RESPONSE UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP**

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AMENDMENT OR RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION--TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment after final rejection (37 C.F.R. 1.116) for this application.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10*
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STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit Fee
Total	18	Minus	20	= 0	x \$18 =	\$0
Indep	2	Minus	4	= 0	x \$86 =	\$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$290 =	\$0
Total Addit. Fee						\$0

No additional fee for claims is required.

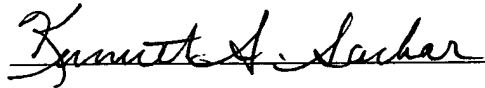
FEE DEFICIENCY

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